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FM AMEMBASSY SAIGON

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 7668

USDEL JEC PARIS IMMEDIATE

INFO RUMTBK AMEMBASSY BANGKOK 9998

AMEMBASSY PHNOM PENH

AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE

WHITE HOUSE SIT ROOM IMMEDIATE

SECDEF/ASD/ISA WASHDC IMMEDIATE

CJCS WASHDC IMMEDIATE

CINCPAC HONOLULU HI PRIORITY

COMUSSAG NKP RTAFB

CDR 13TH AF CLARK PHIL

COMUSMACTHAI/PAO/BKK

CDR JCRC NKP RTAFB THAI

USDAO SAIGON

CH USDEL FPJMT SAIGON

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, PINS, PINT, MOPS, MILI, VS, VN

SUBJECT : STATEMENT BY US MISSION SPOKESMAN

REF : SAIGON 17290 DTG 020802Z (NOTAL)

THE FOLLOWING PRESS STATEMENT WAS ISSUED BY THE U.S. MISSION  
SPOKESMAN AT 1800 HOURS 2 OCTOBER:

BEGIN TEXT:

THE FPJMT SESSION TODAY ENDED ABRUPTLY 25 MINUTES AFTER IT  
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CONVENED WHEN THE PRG DELEGATION, WITHOUT PREVIOUS WARNING,

WALKED OUT. THE DRV DEVEGATION SUPPORTED THE PRG ACTION. THE CHIEF OF THE U.S. DELEGATION PROTESTED THE WALKOUT AS INDICATING A LACK OF SERIOUS INTENT ON THE PART OF THE PRG TO NEGOTIATE IN GOOD FAITH FOR THE RETURN OF REMAINS OF THOSE WHO DIED IN COMBAT AND TO ACCOUNT FOR THOSE MISSING IN ACTION.

AFTER COMMENTING ON THE DRV PROPOSED AGENDA WHICH DID NOT DEAL WITH MATTERS WITHIN THE COMPETENCE OF THE FPJMT, THE RVN DELEGATION ELABORATED ON AN INITIATIVE IT HAD PROPOSED AT THE 27 SEPTEMBER FPJMT SESSION. AT THAT TIME THE RVN DELEGATION HAD CALLED FOR AN IMMEDIATE AND UNCONDITIONAL EXCHANGE OF MIA LISTS WITH THE PRG. THIS OFFER WAS REJECTED BY THE PRG DELEGATION. TODAY THE RVN DELEGATION NOT ONLY REPEATED ITS 27 SEPTEMBER OFFER BUT DEMONSTRATED ITS SINCERITY IN IMPLEMENTING THE HUMANITARIAN PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 8 (B) OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT BY TABLING AND OFFERING FOR IMMEDIATE EXCHANGE WITH THE PRG DELEGATION A SERIES OF EXTENSIVE LISTS OF PRG MISSING IN ACTION.

THE U.S. DELEGATION TOOK NOTE OF THE RVN OFFER AND APPEALED TO THE PRG AND DEV DELEGATIONS TO SHOW THEIR GOODWILL BY RESPONDING POSITIVELY TO THE U.S. 27 SEPTEMBER REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THIRD COUNTRY NATIONALS AND JOURNALISTS WHO HAD DIED IN CAPTIVITY OR WERE MISSING IN ACTION IN INDOCHINA.

INSTEAD OF RESPONDING TO THESE HUMANITAREAN APPEALS, THE PRG DELEGATION DELIVERED A PREPARED POLITICAL STATEMENT UNRELATED TO THE WORK OF THE FPJMT. IN SPITE OF THE US PROTEST, THE PRG DELEGATION WALKED OUT OF THE FPJMT SESSION AFTER DELIVERING ITS PREPARED STATEMENT.

END TEXT.

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